the High Court. The functionaries of Central Administrative Tribunals are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Judicial Members and Administrative Members. At present one post of Vice-Chairman and seven posts of Administrative Members are lying vacant. A statement indicating the places of vacancies is enclosed. (*See* below).

(a) and (c) The occurrence of vacancies in Central Administrative Tribunals is a continuous process. Process for filling up of the vacancies is undertaken twice in a year. For the two posts of Administrative Members at the principal Bench and one post of Administrative Member at Hyderabad, appointment letters have already been issued. The exercise to fill up the other posts is already underway.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Bench		Vacant post
1.	Guwahati	1	Vice-Chairman
2.	Ahmedabad		Administrative Member
3.	Chandigarh	1	Administrative Member
4.	Ernakulam	1	Administrative Member
5.	Hyderabad	1	Administrative Member
6.	Jodhpur	1	Administrative Member
7.	Principal Bench	2	Administrative Member

Legal system

3316. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made in a seminar "Lawyers Impediment or instrument of justice" that the legal system in the country is in a mess;

(b) if so, what are Government's comments on this; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to take the system out of the mess?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such sweeping generalisation can be made against lawyers as a body. The legal system certainly calls for improvement but that it is in a mess is an exaggeration.

(c) Does not arise.